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Environmental Clearance for Steel Projects
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Steel projects awaiting environmental clearance in the country;

(b) the present status of the special purpose vehicles and special mining zones to attract investment in the Steel Sector; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for speedy environmental clearance for the said projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) There are 22 projects awaiting environmental clearance in the country.

(b) 4 Mineral rich States, namely, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Karnataka have been identified for setting up of Integrated Steel Plants with collaboration of Public Sector Enterprises of the Central and State Governments through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) route. This involves setting up of steel SPV and mining SPV. Memorandum of Understanding for setting up of Steel SPVs in Chhattisgarh was signed on 09-05-2015 and in Jharkhand on 28-06-2015.

(c) Out of 22 awaiting environmental clearances projects, 8 projects have been recommended by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). The remaining cases are at different stages of processing as per the guidelines. Inter-ministerial meetings are held to expedite the clearances.

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